

## APD NEWS

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## APD officers play in "Austin's Heroes vs. Dobie's Heroes" soccer game at Dobie Middle School

On Thursday, May 14, 2009, Austin Police Officers and Austin Firefighters will compete in the "Austin's Heroes vs. Dobie's Heroes" soccer game at Dobie Middle School. A total of 80 students from Dobie Middle School, 50 from "Do the Right Thing" and "Launch Pad" programs and 10 from each grade level that have the best attendance will participate in the game. The Soccer games, lunch and other athletic activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Austin's Heroes vs. Dobie's Heroes Soccer Game
Thursday, May 14, 2009
11 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
Dobie Middle School
1200 East Rundberg Lane
Austin, TX 78753

Dobie's Drop Out Prevention Specialist, Maria Hernandez, and Parent Support Specialist, Elisa Quintana created the "Do the Right Thing" program to help improve attendance. David Contreras' after school program "Launch Pad" sprang forth out of the "Do the Right Thing" program last year. Students currently meet on Friday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday after school to discuss how to improve their attendance and succeed in life. During these meetings motivational speakers are brought in to help encourage students.

Dobie Middle School, Launch Pad, The Austin Police Department, The Austin Fire Department, the Office of Community Liaison/Blue Santa, and Frito Lay are sponsoring this event.

<u>Media Advisory</u>: Austin Police officers, Austin Firefighters, Launch Pad and Dobie Middle School staff will be available for interviews at 11 a. m. and throughout the event.

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